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What's Happening in the Capitol

Since the beginning of session in January, the Capitol has been very busy with bills being drafted and introduced by legislators. I am regularly looking over bills that are introduced for cosponsorship to see what will help our district. It is important to ensure that Wisconsin is a well-rounded state and that we can retain professionals in our rural areas. There are a few bills that I would like to highlight that could be beneficial to our local communities in my district more specifically.

Recently, I attended a press conference in the district just north of mine to introduce the "WRS Restitution Act". This bill allows court ordered restitution from a state pension for those officials that have misused their authority in cases of theft and misconduct. A very similar situation happened in Eau Claire not too long ago and it is important to protect tax payer dollars.

In addition, this last week I chaired the Committee on Consumer Protection and held a public hearing in regard to caller ID spoofing and how this is a big issue across our state. We all get those phone calls that show up as being in our area code or even a contact saved in our phone so we answer to find out that the phone call is not who we think it is. Also, a bill regarding false identity on social media, otherwise known as catfishing, and providing a penalty is currently in the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety with a public hearing already been held.

Our rural communities have difficulty accessing many forms of care, which includes going to the dentist. As we know there are issues retaining individuals in this profession, this will help in keeping individuals to grow career vacancies. There is a bill that is in the Committee on Medicaid Reform and Oversight that provides licensure for dental therapists who are under the supervision of dentists to address some of the minor procedures and cleanings to further access to dental care.

One of the most common misconceptions is that businesses across the state accept cash as a form of payment, but I have found this to not be true. There has been a "Wisconsin Cash Option" bill introduced to require retailers to accept cash as a payment option. With all the fraud and concern of using credit cards, this bill is beneficial to our communities to help safeguard against fraudulent activities and theft.

Hopefully these bills will pass the Assembly and Senate to benefit our rural communities and the great State of Wisconsin.



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As always, feel free to contact my office with questions, comments, or concerns.

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